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By: **Delegates Ross, Hubbard, and Ramirez**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Task Force on the Compatibility of State and Local Police Communication**  
3                                   **Systems**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Compatibility of State and Local  
5 Police Communication Systems; establishing the membership of the Task Force;  
6 requiring that Task Force members be appointed by a certain date; requiring the  
7 Governor to designate a chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Governor's  
8 Office of Homeland Security to staff the Task Force; providing that a Task Force  
9 member is entitled to reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Task  
10 Force to study the issue of compatibility between the communication systems of  
11 State and local police departments and make recommendations regarding the  
12 creation and implementation of a plan to ensure communication compatibility;  
13 requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor and General Assembly on or  
14 before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
15 relating to the Task Force on the Compatibility of State and Local Police  
16 Communication Systems.

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That:

19       (a)       There is a Task Force on the Compatibility of State and Local Police  
20 Communication Systems.

21       (b)       The Task Force consists of the following members:

22               (1)       a member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

23               (2)       a member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the  
24 House;

25               (3)       the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;

26               (4)       the Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, or the  
27 Director's designee;

28               (5)       two representatives of county police departments, appointed by the  
29 Governor;

1           (6)     two representatives of municipal police departments, appointed by  
2 the Governor; and

3           (7)     one representative of the general public, appointed by the Governor.

4     (c)     The members of the Task Force shall be appointed on or before June 30,  
5 2004.

6     (d)     The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

7     (e)     The Governor's Office of Homeland Security shall provide staff for the  
8 Task Force.

9     (f)     A member of the Task Force:

10           (1)     may not receive compensation; but

11           (2)     is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
12 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

13     (g)     The Task Force shall:

14           (1)     study the issue of compatibility between the communication systems  
15 of State and local police departments; and

16           (2)     make recommendations regarding the creation and implementation  
17 of a plan to ensure compatibility between the communication systems of State and  
18 local police departments.

19     (h)     The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
20 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the  
21 General Assembly, on or before December 31, 2004.

22     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 June 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 8 months and, at the end of  
24 January 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
25 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.